

Announcement of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to restore water quality in the bacteria impaired waters of Hunting Creek, Cameron Run, and Holmes Run.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announce the third Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting for the Hunting Creek, Cameron Run, and Holmes Run Bacteria TMDL Studies.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Friday, February 12, 2010

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

City of Alexandria's City Hall

Sister Cities Conference Room 1101

301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** This is the third meeting of the TAC. The purpose of the TAC will be to provide technical input and insight for the project, and to assist with stakeholder and public participation.

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** Portions of Hunting Creek, Cameron Run, and Holmes Run have been identified as impaired on the Clean Water Act §303(d) list for not supporting the primary contact recreation use due to elevated levels of *E. coli* bacteria. Virginia agencies are working to identify the sources of bacteria contamination in these stream segments. The Hunting Creek, Cameron Run, and Holmes Run watersheds are located within Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, and Fairfax County. Below are descriptions of the impaired segments that will be addressed in this study:

Stream Name	Impairments	Area	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit
Hunting Creek (Tidal)	Recreational use Impairment due to <i>E. coli</i> bacteria	0.53 square miles	Route 241 (Telegraph Road) Bridge Crossing	Confluence with the Potomac River
Cameron Run (Non-Tidal)	Recreational use Impairment due to <i>E. coli</i> bacteria	2.08 miles	Confluence with Backlick Run	Route 241 (Telegraph Road) Bridge Crossing
Holmes Run (Non-Tidal)	Recreational use Impairment due to <i>E. coli</i> bacteria	3.58 miles	Mouth of Lake Barcroft	Confluence with Backlick Run

During this study, DEQ will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for each of the impaired stream segments. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL allocated amount.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** The public comment period on the materials presented at the TAC Meeting will extend from February 12, 2010 until 9:00 am on March 15, 2010. DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or

postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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